

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 PM-05 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 ACDA-12 AID-05  
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R 190729Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA  
SECSTATE WASHDC 9307  
INFO SECDEF WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4809

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EWWT MASS LE  
SUBJ: PROPOSED CALL OF U.S. FLAG VESSEL AT PORT OF BEIRUT

REF: (A) ALEXANDRIA 708, (B) BEIRUT 4764 (NOTAL),  
(C) STATE 207073

1. BEIRUT PORT OPENED MORNING AUGUST 18 AND WITHIN HOURS RECEIVED A SHELL OR ROCKET THAT WOUNDED FOUR PERSONS, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY REPORTS. WE UNABLE YET CONFIRM DETAILS. PORT NOW REPORTED CLOSED.
  2. WE WOULD THEREFORE ADVISE PRUDENTIAL REP THAT PORT REMAINS CLOSED AND PROSPECTS FOR REOPENING IT BY AUGUST 25 CANNOT BE PREDICTED. WE PERSONALLY BELIEVE THEY ARE DIM. IF BARGE RECOVERY OPERATION REQUIRES ONSHORE PORT WORKERS, PRUDENTIAL CANNOT RELY ON THERE BEING ANY AS CONDITIONS NOW STAND. PRUDENTIAL'S LOCAL AGENT IS BEST SOURCE INFO ON THIS QUESTION.
  3. RE PARA 3 REF (A), PROSPECTS 10 DAYS AFTER AUG. 25 ALSO UNPREDICTABLE. WE CANNOT GUESS WHEN POLITICAL ELEMENTS WHO HAVE GRIP ON PORT WILL SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND PERMITS ITS REOPENING.
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4. WE HAVE ADVISED REF (B) IN REPLY TO REF (C) THAT PRUDENTIAL VESSEL M/V LASH ITALIA DUE BEIRUT AUG. 25 CARRYING FMS CARGO MAY HAVE TO DIVERT TO TRIPOLI HARBOR NORTH OF BEIRUT. IF LASH ITALIA IS THE VESSEL IN QUESTION REF (A), ALEXANDRIA PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT WE COPY YOU ON FUTURE MESSAGES THIS CASE.
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